All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Limited

*275. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any IAS Officer as Secretary of All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Limited after the retirement of the previous Secretary;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the assets of the Society situated at Bombay Headquarter, Nariman Point has been sold out; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Society is changing its bye-laws from time to time; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Society has entered into any joint venture with National Apparels International Limited; if so, the profit earned by the Society?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The bye laws of the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. provides that its Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. As per information furnished by the Society, the senior most Additional Secretary as per the past practice, is looking after the work of Secretary as a temporary arrangement, with the approval of its Board of Directors, since the previous Secretary of the Society had retired on 1.6.1994. The process of selection of a new Secretary has already been initiated by the Society through Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Society, no assets of the Society situated at Nariman Point, Bombay has been sold out.

(d) The All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society have been submitting proposals regarding amendments to bye laws to Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies from time to time and amendments found to be in consonsance with the provisions of the Act/Rules have been registered by the Central Registrar of the Cooperative Societies.

(e) As per the information furnished by the Society, the Society has not entered into any joint venture with National Apparels International Limited.

Enquiry report against misuse of House Building Loan by employees of State Bank of Indore

*276. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 3396 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 1995 and state:

(a) whether valuation reports of the architects who visited various sites alongwith senior vigilance officers of State Bank of Indore, to probe the cases of misuse of house building loans, have been received;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the staff against whom prima facie cases have been established on the basis of the valuation reports vis-a-vis the statements of the individual employees; and

(c) the action taken by the bank in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Cases of 12 clerical employees of State Bank of Indore to whom house building advances were sanctioned through Delhi branches of the bank were investigated by the bank through a senior auditor. It has been reported by him that in two cases *viz.* S/Shri G. C. Chaturvedi and M. F. Khan (since promoted as an officer), there was evidence of misutilisation of the house building

advance sanctioned to them. In both the cases, explanations of the employees have been received and appropriate action will be taken by the competent authorities.

Loans sanctioned by Syndicate Bank

*277. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of parties identified upto 1994-95 as having non-performing assets and outstanding loan for more than one crore from Syndicate Bank;

(b) how much is the amount involved as secured Loan and as clean Loan (unsecured Loan); and

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take against those officials who are responsible for sanction of above loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised that the law relating to confidentiality of banker-customer relationship does not permit disclosure of the names of borrowers.

(b) Syndicate Bank has reported that the amount involved in the accounts identified as non-performing having outstanding balance of more than Rs. 1 crore as on 31.3.1995 is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Secured liability	271.53
Unsecured liability	297.23
Total Outstanding	568.76

(c) Syndicate Bank has reported that it has initiated action against two officers who have been found responsible for sanctioning loans to defaulting borrowers. Syndicate Bank has further reported that regular departmental action has been initiated/taken against 27 other officials where procedural violations have been observed.

Out-Station Account-Payee Cheques

*278. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directive has been issued to the commercial banks to credit out-station account-payee cheques upto Rs.2500 to customers' accounts on an immediate basis;

(b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the arrangements made to ensure that the directive is being adhered to; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to extend the coverage of the directive to cheques upto Rs.5000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India have reported that they had advised banks in July, 1989 to credit outstation account payee cheques upto Rs.2500/- to individual customers accounts subject to their maintaining a satisfactory account. Based on the recommendations of the Goiporia Committee on Customer Service in Banks, RBI had advised banks on 27.5.1992 to increase the ceiling limit of Rs.2500/- for immediate credit to Rs.5000/- tendered by individual account holders having satisfactory conduct of account and on the request of the customer subject to the recovery of usual collection charges. RBI have again advised banks on 17.5.1995 to take immediate steps to ensure that all outstation cheques upto Rs.5000/- are paid even without waiting for customers request for the facility. In the event of cheques being returned unpaid the banks can charge interest at commercial rate on overdrawn amount from the date of allowing the withdrawal till the amounts are returned.